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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: M. Santhanam

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For: **RHEOLOGICAL ADDITIVES AND PAINT AND COATING  
COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING SUCH ADDITIVES EXHIBITING  
IMPROVED INTERCOAT ADHESION**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Official Action mailed July 13, 2001.

Please debit Deposit Account No. 18-1160 for the extension of time fee  
necessary for this Amendment and Response.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. A clean copy of all pending claims  
including amended claims is included as Attachment A.

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(Amended) A rheological additive consisting of the reaction product of:

- a) a diamine selected from the group consisting of ethylene diamine and  
hexamethylene diamine;

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